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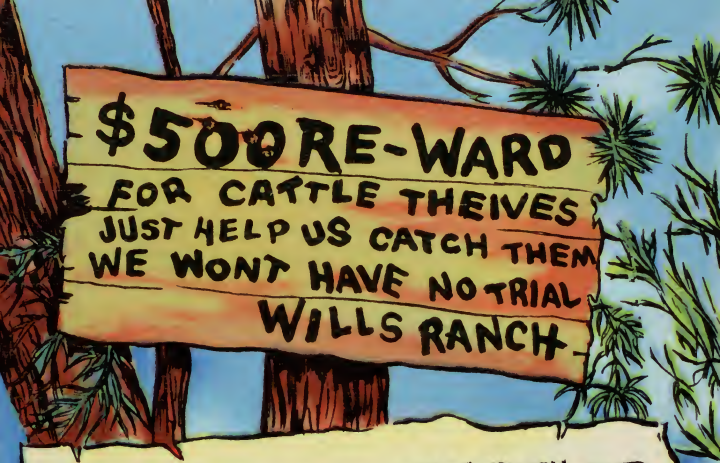

THE CATTLE RUSTLER

by Oren Arnold

The sign means exactly what it says! If you know Western tradition at all, you can guess what happens to the "theives" brought in. This sign was posted in the Southwest—no, not in 1879, but in 1939—and within a year the reward was paid six times! Moreover, there was no trial! Note the bullet holes.

Next to Indians, rustlers were the greatest enemies faced by cowboys in the Olden Days. A rustler would steal one or a dozen steers, re-burn them with his own brand and claim them for his own. Often he would drive off hundreds of cattle in one herd, to change their brands or sell them miles away. Many a gun fight, many a death, resulted from the war with rustlers.

In modern times, most rustling is "rubber tired." Thieves with trucks stop by the roadside, load on several fat steers, speed away to butcher them for a black market. Such thieves are hard to catch, wherefore — "$500 REWARD, and no trial!"

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